(b) whether there is also a proposal to maintain an All India Register which will contain names and other particulars of non-Indian persons living in India; and

(c) by when the work on these two Registers is likely to commence and the estimated time frame for their completion?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens/ non-citizens and to issue Identity Cards to all citizens of 14 years and above. The details in this regard are being worked out.

In addition persons below 14 years are proposed to be compulsorily registered under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

Fencing on the Indo-Bangladesh Border

391. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken by Government for border fencing on the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura in order to prevent infiltration of foreign nationals and to prevent free movement of the extremists along the international border;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Additional Forces for Tripura

392. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tripura has requested Government for deployment of additional forces in the State in view of the activities of the extremist groups;

(b) if so, whether Government are sending additional forces to the State; and

(c) the time frame by when the additional forces will reach the State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The levels of deployment of security forces in various parts of the country, *inter alia*, depend upon the overall security scenario as well as the availability of the forces. The situation is kept under constant review. Security forces have been deployed in Tripura to maintain public order and curb insurgency. The request of the State Government for additional forces has been noted.

Naxalite activities in certain States

393. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxalite activities are going on at high pitch in Andhra Pradesh and adjacent States;

(b) whether a proposal to utilise services of unmanned aircraft to contain the naxalite menace has been thought of in the joint meeting of the Chief Minister's of the concerned States; and

(c) if so, the present stage of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) As per available reports, the Left Wing extremist violence in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa has shown a decline in 1998 (upto October, 1998) as compared to the corresponding period of 1997. However, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have witnessed some increase this year (upto October 1998) as compared to the corresponding period of 1997.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

Damage to Government property during Bihar Bandh

394. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government property was extensively damaged during the August, 1998 Bihar Bandh in protest against the raids by CBI on Chief Minister's residence and that Government have sought a detailed report in the matter;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI: (a) to (c) According to available information, Government properties, particularly those of the Railways and Post & Telegraph Department, were damaged during the Bihar Bandh in August, 1998. The Accountant General's office at Patna was also attacked. The Central Government strongly disapproves of such acts by the agitators.

Conversion of LOC into International Border

395. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir declared that conversion of Line of Control into an international border will solve Kashmir crisis; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) Government are aware of certain reports in the Media about such statements, purportedly made by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. The position of the Government is that the whole of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, including the area under illegal occupation of Pakistan, and portions of the State illegally ceded by Pakistan, is an integral part of India. Resolutions were passed by both the Houses of Parliament in this regard on 22nd February, 1994 and Government remains committed to them.

Deteriorating Law and Order situation in Delhi

396. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the law and order situation in the Capital has deteriorated due to which the crime rate has not in the past few months;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Delhi Police has totally failed to check crime in the Capital and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to pull the Delhi Police so that the crimes in the Capital could be checked?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The crime rate has declined from 634 crimes per lakh of population in 1996 to 560.5 crimes in 1998.

(d) The steps taken to improve the law and order situation, *inter-alia*, include intensification of patrolling especially from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M.; surveillance over the activities of known criminals; improved intelligence gathering; raids over the places of ill repute and suspected hidecuts of criminals; high visibility of police in the vulnerable areas; and construction of a regional coordination group comprising police officers of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to exchange information about the criminals.